## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Previously Presented) A golf club head comprising
- a face for hitting a golf ball,
- a crown,
- a sole,
- a sidewall extending from the periphery of the sole towards the crown excluding the face, and
  - a neck to be fixed to a shaft,
  - and formed by welding together
  - a face member for forming the face,
  - a crown member for forming the crown and
- a walled sole member for forming at least the sole and the wall,

the walled sole member made by monoblock casting, and

the face member and the crown member each made by plastic deformation processing,

the walled sole member has a variable thickness, wherein the ratio (t2/t1) of the minimum thickness t1 and the maximum thickness t2 thereof is in the range of from 1.2 to 3.0,

the walled sole member is made of a metal material by monoblock casting, and the face member is made of a different metal material than the walled sole member by plastic deformation processing,

the face member is thicker than the crown member such that the thickness of the face member is not less than 2.0 mm, but the thickness of the crown member is not more than 1.2 mm.

- 2. (Previously Presented) A golf club head comprising
- a face for hitting a golf ball,
- a crown,
- a sole,
- a sidewall extending from the periphery of the sole towards the crown excluding the face, and
  - a neck to be fixed to a shaft, and formed by welding together
  - a face member for forming the face,
  - a crown member for forming the crown and
- a walled sole member for forming the sole, sidewall and neck,

the face member and the crown member each made by plastic deformation processing,

the walled sole member has a variable thickness, wherein the ratio (t2/t1) of the minimum thickness t1 and the maximum thickness t2 thereof is in the range of from 1.2 to 3.0,

the walled sole member is made of a metal material by monoblock casting, and the face member is made of a different metal material than the walled sole member by plastic deformation processing,